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Rep. Mark Spreitzer receives additional committee appointments

MADISON- Last week, Rep. Mark Spreitzer (D-Beloit) was appointed to two new committees in addition to his current standing committee assignments. Rep. Spreitzer was appointed to the Transportation Projects Commission and the Joint Committee for Review of Administrative Rules.

"I am grateful for the opportunity to serve on these important committees," Rep. Spreitzer said. "With transportation infrastructure playing such an important role throughout Wisconsin and especially in the 45th Assembly District, I will now be in a unique position to directly advocate for consistent new investment in Wisconsin's roads, bridges, highways, and railways, including the I-39/90 project."

The 15-member Transportation Projects Commission reviews major highway project candidates and makes recommendations to the Governor and Legislature regarding projects to be "enumerated" or funded in the next two-year state budget. The Commission includes five state senators, five state representatives, three citizen members, the Governor (Chair), and the Department of Transportation Secretary (non-voting member).

"During his brief time in the legislature, Rep. Spreitzer has already shown exceptional leadership on addressing the challenges facing transportation and infrastructure in our state," Assembly Democratic Leader Peter Barca (D-Kenosha) said. "It is vital that we have a strong transportation system in South Central Wisconsin, and Rep. Spreitzer will bring a much-needed voice for his district to this important committee."

In addition, Rep. Spreitzer was appointed to the Joint Committee for Review of Administrative Rules (JCRAR), which is made up of both senators and representatives of both parties. Administrative rules are put forth by state agencies to implement or interpret statutes enforced or administered by the agency. State agencies have this authority given to them by the Legislature, and the Legislature retains oversight of the rulemaking process in part through JCRAR. Rep. Spreitzer will attend his first meeting of JCRAR on Wednesday, January 27.

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